

Senate Joint Resolution No. 28

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the Assembly

This resolution was received by the Secretary of
State this____ day of _____, 1998,
at ____o'clock __M.

Deputy Secretary of State

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RESOLUTION CHAPTER ____

Senate Joint Resolution No. 28—Relative to the inclusion of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic as members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 28, Kopp. NATO: Inclusion of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic as members.

This measure would memorialize the President and Congress of the United States to take all actions necessary to support inclusion of the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Hungary, and the Czech Republic as full members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

WHEREAS, The Republic of Poland, the Republic of Hungary, and the Czech Republic are free, democratic, and independent nations with long and proud histories and cultures; and

WHEREAS, Their recently attained freedom was achieved following decades of struggle under the repressive yoke of brutal Communist regimes; and

WHEREAS, The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is a defense alliance comprised of democratic states and is dedicated to the preservation and security of its member nations; and

WHEREAS, The Republic of Poland, the Republic of Hungary, and the Czech Republic desire to share in both the benefits and obligations of NATO in pursuing the development, growth, and promotion of democratic institutions and ensuring free market economic development; and

WHEREAS, Article 10 of the North Atlantic Treaty provides the opportunity for NATO to accept as new members those nations that will promote the high standards of the Alliance and will contribute to the strengthening of the North Atlantic region; and

WHEREAS, Poland's, Hungary's, and the Czech Republic's democratic governments and free market



economies place them in full compliance with the membership criteria in accordance with Article 10 of the North Atlantic Treaty as well as the “Study on the Expansion of NATO”; and

WHEREAS, Poland’s, Hungary’s, and the Czech Republic’s economies are the fastest growing and most robust of the eastern European nations, their economic ties to the United States overall, and in particular to California, have broadened significantly from year to year, and the 1990 United States Census indicates that well over 750,000 Californians claim Polish, Hungarian, or Czech ancestry; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature of the State of California expresses its complete support for full inclusion of the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Hungary, and the Czech Republic into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of the State of California respectfully memorializes the President and the Congress of the United States to take all actions necessary to support inclusion of the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Hungary, and the Czech Republic as full members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of the State of California respectfully memorializes the United States Senate to promptly ratify the proposed amendment to the North Atlantic Treaty to include the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Hungary, and the Czech Republic as full members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.



Attest:

Secretary of State

